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Date: 12 December 2019

Dear Ms Rich,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 51

Application by Aquind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Aquind Interconnector

Advice following issue of decision to accept the application for examination

On 12 December 2019 the Secretary of State decided that the application for the above project satisfied the acceptance tests under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Planning Inspectorate's acceptance checklist and the application documents have been published and made available on the project page of our website.

In undertaking checks at the acceptance stage, the Inspectorate has made some initial observations in relation to the application. This letter comprises advice to the Applicant provided under section 51 of the PA2008 in respect of these initial observations. The Applicant should pay attention to its content and consider how appropriate action might be taken in response.

Consultees identified on a precautionary basis

Given the individual circumstances of this case, and taking a precautionary approach, the Inspectorate suggests that the Applicant may wish to include the bodies listed in box 6 and 8 of the checklist amongst those on whom they serve notice of the accepted application under s56(2) of PA2008, unless there is a specific justification why this is not necessary.

Yours sincerely

Robert Ranger

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